

GCF&G ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014 ARE DUE ON 12/31/13. YOUR RENEWAL DUES FOR 2013 CAN BE PAID BEGINNING ON 10/01/13. A RENEWAL FORM WILL NOW BE MAILED OUT FIRST CLASS TO EACH GCF&G MEMBER IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE....

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

At the first of each year I usually list all of the great opportunities available at your club, but that is all covered in the calendar and columns.

The only idea that I wish could be added to the minds of more members would be to come out and be a part of the fun and friendships that are waiting for them at the club.

Where else can you and your family do so many things at such a low cost while learning / improving your outdoor skills?

This is especially true for members with children and grandchildren who may never have a chance to take part in all these wonderful activities that we all seem to take for granted.

Remember that the world is full of people trying to convince those kids that our sports are evil. We are the only way to prevent that from happening.

Case in point, the horrible events that are taking place across our country will surely be used by those anti's to manufacture reasons to strip us of our rights instead of working harder to control the disturbed individuals who are truly at fault.

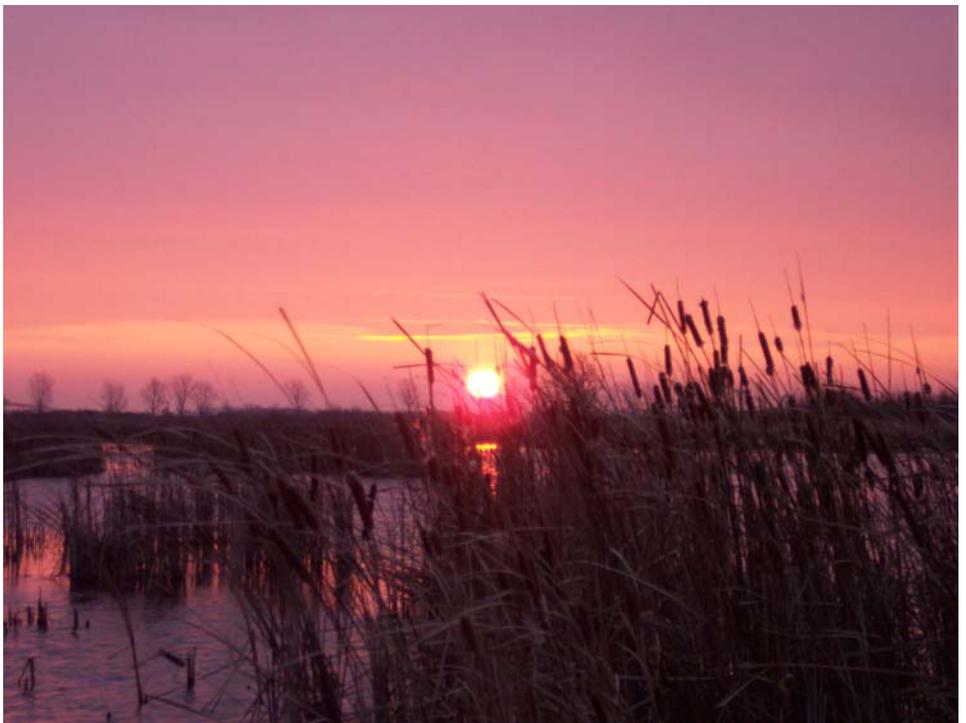
Who will win this conflict; us or the anti's? Who will lose? Our young people first and then our nation as a whole!

Be there for the innocent who will govern in the future.

As this is being reported we have people working with many organizations investigating grant funds to assist with the possible purchase of more land.

You will be advised as things progress.

— Bob Brown



Sunrise From the Duck Blind - Winter sunrises are often some of the most colorful you will ever see. This magic morning moment was captured from a duck blind in the middle of one of the many marshes at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge just minutes before legal shoot time. (Greene County Fish & Game Photo - by Tim Ankeney).

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Kid's Christmas Party a huge success!

January's Euchre Party will be held Saturday, January 19th. Doors will open at 6 PM, cards will begin at 7 PM.

Admission is \$6 per person and that includes dinner, door prizes and an evening of fun!

Join us for a great night. Please bring a covered dish to share. For more info contact Gail Walker at (937) 609-2215.

D.O.W. OPEN HOUSE

The Division of Wildlife Open House will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 from noon until 3 PM.

Sportsmen don't miss this annual event. Your input is important. Preview changes in fishing & hunting regulations.

Give the Division your thoughts about any possible changes for 2013 - 2014.

A VERY IMPORTANT WINTER WEATHER NOTICE!

The arrival of winter weather brings with it the realistic possibility that events at the club could be affected by hazardous winter weather conditions. Since January 1st, 2000 we have used the following weather policy:

If Greene County has declared a level 1 or higher snow emergency and is listed as such in TV, radio, and news broadcasts at 3 pm the day of any board or membership meeting, that meeting will be postponed and re-scheduled to the same day and time the following week unless otherwise indicated.

Common sense should always be used when deciding whether or not to attend any club activity during inclement weather. To further determine the status of other scheduled events at the club contact the chairperson in charge of that activity or refer to our website at www.gcfng.com.

12 GUN GIVEAWAY MONTHLY WINNERS

The winning ticket number for the December drawing was # 0967.

The lucky winner was William Austin of Fairborn, Ohio

The winning ticket number for the October drawing was # 0542.

The lucky winner was Robert Keegan of Beaver creek.

The winning ticket number for the July drawing was # 0276.

The lucky winner was Ed Rauch of Beaver creek.

Congratulations go out to all these gentlemen. Thanks for your support!

OUR GUN RANGES WILL RE-OPEN FOR NORMAL USE 2/1/13.



Greene County Fish & Game ASSOCIATION



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JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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ABSOLUTELY NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED TO HUNT OR FISH WITHOUT EXPRESSED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THESE PRIVILEGES ARE RESERVED FOR OUR MEMBERS, THEIR SPOUSE, MINOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN! THANK YOU.

**GOOSE HUNTING
REMINDER!**

Just a reminder that goose hunters will likely be present on and off at the big lake throughout the month of January. Please look for the yellow saw-horse and also be aware they are not required to wear blaze orange.

Upland hunters should also consider their possible presence as well if they choose to hunt in the areas around the big lake and in field #6 at the Southeast corner of the club

ARCHERY MEETING

There will be an archery organizational meeting on Saturday, February 9th, at 2 PM in the archery shack. Anyone with an interest in archery is encouraged to attend.

DON'T BE A "NO-SHOW"

If you promise to sponsor someone on new member day this year, be sure and get there!

Don't assume that one of your buddies will cover for you, they might not.....

**2013 EVENT DATES
TO REMEMBER!**

- NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT - 1/20.
- BLACK POWDER EGG SHOOT - 2/3.
- D.O.W. DIST 5 OPEN HOUSE - 3/2.
- COWBOY ACTION OPENER - 3/3.
- ARCHERY CLEAN-UP - 3/16 & 3/17.
- HUNTER ED. HOME STUDY - 3/23.
- W-AUXILIARY ANNUAL KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT - 3/23.
- .22 RIM-FIRE LEAGUE OPENER - 4/9.
- ANNUAL CLEAN-UP - 4/13 & 4/14.
- REQ'D CAMPGROUND MTG - 4/20.
- COWBOY ACTION NEW SHOOTER ORIENTATION - 4/27.
- BLACK POWDER SPRING RENDEZVOUS - 5/3, 5/4 & 5/5.
- CMP M-1 GARAND CLINIC - 5/4.
- KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENTS 5/11, 6/15, 7/13, 8/17.
- ALL-NIGHT CATFISH TOURNAMENT - 5/25.
- MEMORIAL DAY CALCUTTA - 5/27.
- J.O.T.D. DAY EVENT - 6/22.
- ANNUAL PICNIC WEEKEND 2 DAY EVENT - 8/17 & 8/18.
- ANNUAL GOOSE DRAWING - 8/13.
- UPLAND SEASON OPENS - 11/1.



2013 Field & Stream Ohio Deer & Turkey Expo - This year's event will be held on 3/15, 3/16 & 3/17 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the Bricker building. This event is a must if you are a Whitetail Deer & Turkey Hunter or an outdoor enthusiast. You can even have your mount scored! (Greene County Fish & Game Photo by Tim Ankeney).

JANUARY 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2013 New Member Sign-up Day Sunday 1/20/13 Noon - 3 PM		1	2 WOMEN'S AUX MEETING 6:30 PM	3 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	4	5
6 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM	7	8 BOARD MTG. 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8 PM	9	10 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	11	12
13 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM BP LEAGUE #1	14	15	16	17 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	18	19 WOMEN'S AUX. EUCHRE PARTY 6 PM
20 TRAPSHOOT P & C 12-4 PM BP LEAGUE #2	21	22	23	24 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	25	26
27 TRAPSHOOT 75 BIRD CALC. P & C 12-4 PM BP LEAGUE #3	28	29	30	31 TRAPSHOOT P & C 5:30 - 10 PM	2013 New Member Sign-up Day Sunday 1/20/13 Noon - 3 PM	

Being a Gun Owner just became Much more Difficult.....

The only proper way to start writing or reading an emotionally charged opinion piece like this one is by taking a very deep breath.....

As a parent recent events in Aurora, Colorado and Newtown, Connecticut have saddened me beyond what mere words could ever possibly express.

No parent should ever have to bury a child. No family should ever have to deal with the pain of losing a child and no community should ever have to grieve such tragic and numerous losses.

Most of all no child should ever fear for their safety in a school classroom and no parent should ever feel so anxious as they watch their child board a school bus in the morning.

Like many parents I fought back tears of disbelief upon hearing the most recent tragic news. I thought about my own children and how lucky my wife and I are they have grown up to be very respectful, loving and caring adults.

As an American, I am utterly disgraced by the evil and heinous acts committed by mentally unstable individuals with little or no regard for human life.

These acts are not reflective of our society or even remotely symbolic of the lifestyle choices that as a nation we have chosen to make or accept.

Recent shootings in Colorado and Connecticut are pure and simple; acts of Domestic Terrorism.

I refuse to speak the infamous names of the individuals responsible for the taking of innocent lives, but I will make a somber reference to their shameful acts.

Many people think that terrorism arrived on our shores one September morning back in 2001. A day that will forever be embedded in our minds and one that also changed our lives forever.

It was an act of Terrorism that took the lives of 2,996 Innocent Americans. One that I would like to point out; that was according to all published accounts, carried out without firing a single gun shot.

The terrorist's weapons of choice that day were commercial airliners.

People either have a tendency to or try to forget, but on April 19th, 1995 that 168 people many of them children lost their lives in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The weapon of choice for this hateful crime was a simple rental truck filled with a deadly cargo of a fertilizer based make-shift explosive.

The individuals who perpetrate these senseless acts of violence against innocent children and adults or even consider carrying them out, in my opinion are the lowest form of scum on earth and regardless of their motivation they are undeserving of their next breath.

As numbing as it is for everyone to hear, it needs to be said; Any determined individual who is hell bent on causing death and destruction will eventually find a way to make it happen.

It seems that many of these life altering violent events end with the "shooter" or "gunman" as they are so often referred to by the news media, administering a long overdue self inflicted gun shot wound.

I am by no means condoning or

promoting suicide, but if a person, good, bad or indifferent has made the unfortunate and regrettable choice to end their own life, it is ultimately their decision.

There is however no plausible need for them to harm the innocent, unsuspecting and often unprotected people around them.

These home grown terrorists are going out of their way to hurt innocent people.

In my opinion, they should have the compassion, the stones and the understanding about their choice to leave this world and make it a solo act if that is the path which they have ultimately chosen.

Some of us asked ourselves how God could ever let something like the Newtown school massacre happen.

How soon we forget that we no longer allow God in many of our schools.....

Perhaps that is one reason that a growing number of perverts and pedophiles are finding their way onto school district payrolls.

I can't help but wonder how the background checks and scrutiny that perspective teachers and coaches undergo compare to those that law abiding gun owners and CHL applicants are subjected to?

Without good only evil exists, without light there will only be darkness and without rain there will only be drought.

Today more than ever, it's once again; my opinion that we need God back in our classrooms.

Whether or not we need armed guards or teachers in our schools as suggested by the NRA is yet another topic that will clearly be up for debate soon.

I would like to mention however that the 9/11 attacks did however result in an increase in the number of armed Air Marshals aboard commercial flights and tighter airport security measures worldwide.

Our children are by far the most precious gift of all. In my opinion we should do all that we possibly can to protect them in our homes and in our schools.

I wonder how many of the schools that have been built nationwide during the past twelve months using Federal tax dollars were built with bullet proof glass or any other additional child safety measures?

We have certainly digressed a long way since the days of being able to take your shotgun to school with you and lock it in your locker on the first day of upland hunting season.

It seems that everyone is looking for someone to blame for these recent tragedies. For many of those individuals quick to point a finger, law abiding gun owners are an easy target.

Heaven forbid that we ever blame the video game makers who are making a fortune designing, creating and heavily marketing video games where the ultimate goal is to kill and destroy everyone and everything the player encounters.

If a parent allows their child to indulge in such a "game", that child can kill everyone, destroy everything and be declared a "winner" before bedtime, then come home from school the next day, hit the reset button and do it all over again.

Whatever happened to teaching our children about perspective, the difference between right and wrong and the Golden Rule?

How about we blame the "Can you top this" social networks who's web pages light up with boastful and/or insensitive comments every time another one of these shocking and senseless tragedies occur?

It seems to me that as a society we are responsible for initiating the rapid deterioration of all that was once good in this country. In an effort to become "politically correct" we have become complacent to many of the threats that surround us.

We are blindly and methodically desensitizing our children and those without the proper mental capacity to distinguish reality; with unreal "reality TV" programming. As entertaining as it may seem, it has taken a heavy toll on our core values.

Destruction and disrespect are too often surfacing where productivity and pride once flourished. As an American I am both angry and embarrassed.

As a law abiding gun owner, I am shaken to new depths, extremely fearful and very tired.

I am shaken by the senseless acts of violence that have occurred and fearful of the new wave of knee jerk legislative action that has already begun to follow.

Most of all, I am tired of being stereotyped. I am tired of being categorized with the likes of the disturbed individuals capable of planning and committing such acts of cowardice against their fellow countrymen.

I am tired of an often uneducated news media, many of whom, couldn't accurately tell you the difference between a "clip" and a "magazine", reporting and even exploiting these tragedies.

It's the same news media who pummels the general public with the names and the details about the evil individuals who commit these crimes until they have reached some twisted level celebrity status!

Every time one of these tragic shootings occur, law abiding gun owners like you and I take a body shot and it's time for our government and our elected representatives to wake up!

Guns aren't killing people; other people are killing people. Firearms are inanimate objects, they are unable to think or plan and they possess no conscious or malice so why is it that everyone other than law abiding gun owners seem to be incapable of grasping this simple concept?

Owning a firearm does not make me a killer any more than simply owning a bible makes me a Christian.

On May 14th, 1988 when a drunk driver hit a Church Bus from Radcliff, Kentucky on Interstate 71, killing 27 people and injuring 34 others while on their way back from a church field trip to Kings Island, I never once feared that anyone would soon be asking me to give up my Chevrolet.

So why do I feel today like somebody will soon be asking you and I to give up our freedom and our guns?

I am the first to admit that something has to be done, but taking away legal firearms from law abiding gun owners has never been and will never be the correct answer.....

Friends, the threat to our Second Amendment Right is real and it's now! Isn't it time you did more than just agree or rely on others to protect the rights that you take for granted?

— Tim Ankeney

Support the NRA..... Join or Renew Today!

We're making it even easier for you.

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RON CLARK - (937) 426-8889

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JUST A FEW GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE NRA:

- The National Rifle Association does more to protect the rights of all sportsmen and gun owners than any other single organization in the world.
- To receive important legislative alerts that will keep you apprised of potential threats to your 2nd Amendment Rights.
- To become a working part of the most recognized and influential gun owners group in the world today and make your voice heard.
- To help promote Youth & Adult Firearms Education Programs.
- To receive additional Insurance coverage for you and your guns.
- To receive an official "Members Only" shooter's cap.
- To receive your choice of (3) monthly NRA Magazines.



Here are two easy ways for you to join the fight to protect your Second Amendment Rights!

You can click on this Direct Link to the NRA:

<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?campaignid=XC020263>

Or You Can:

Fill out the Membership Application below and forward it to Club Representative Ron Clark:

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